

**SANTA ANA-ANAHEIM-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION
(ORANGE COUNTY)**

Most major industries show month-over and year-over employment gains

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Between February and March 2006, nonfarm wage and salary employment in Orange County grew by 3,800 to reach 1,499,600 jobs.

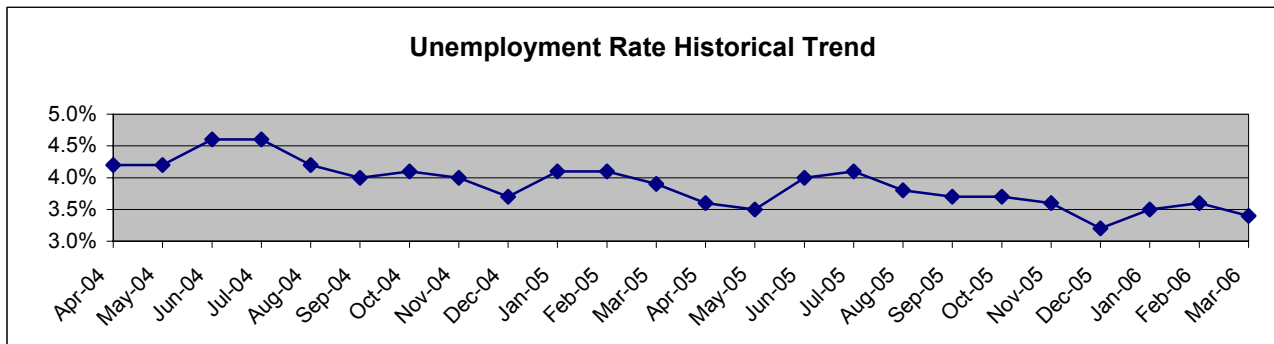
- Leisure and hospitality posted the largest gain, with the addition of 1,300 jobs over the month. Growth was dominated by food services and drinking places (up 1,200 jobs).
- Construction increased by 900 jobs. Almost 80 percent of the growth was in specialty trade contractors, which includes electricians, carpenters, painters and other trades.
- Professional and business services grew by 800 jobs, with 63 percent of the increase in administrative and support services, which includes temporary help firms.
- Educational and health services remained the same over the month. This was the first record of no change in employment between February and March since 1990.

Between March 2005 and March 2006, total nonfarm employment was up 23,300 jobs, an increase of 1.6 percent.

- Professional and business services reported the largest gain with the addition of 10,200 jobs. Most of the growth (75 percent) was in administrative and support services.
- Construction reported an increase of 6,800 jobs over the year with 78 percent of the growth in specialty trade contractors.
- Manufacturing declined over the year, with a reduction of 1,500 jobs. Losses were reported in both durable goods (down 300 jobs) and nondurable goods (down 1,200 jobs). This is the tenth consecutive month of year over declines.

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Industry	Feb-2006	Mar-2006	Change		Mar-2005	Mar-2006	Change
Total Jobs	1,501,100	1,505,300	4,200		1,482,300	1,505,300	23,000
Farm Jobs	5,300	5,700	400		6,000	5,700	(300)
Nonfarm Jobs	1,495,800	1,499,600	3,800		1,476,300	1,499,600	23,300
Natural Resources and Mining	700	700	0		700	700	0
Construction	100,000	100,900	900		94,100	100,900	6,800
Manufacturing	181,800	182,300	500		183,800	182,300	(1,500)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	267,300	266,600	(700)		265,400	266,600	1,200
Information	32,600	32,200	(400)		33,200	32,200	(1,000)
Financial Activities	138,800	139,100	300		136,700	139,100	2,400
Professional and Business Services	271,400	272,200	800		262,000	272,200	10,200
Educational and Health Services	135,300	135,300	0		132,900	135,300	2,400
Leisure and Hospitality	161,300	162,600	1,300		162,100	162,600	500
Other Services	48,000	48,300	300		47,900	48,300	400
Government	158,600	159,400	800		157,500	159,400	1,900

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding.
 Labor Force data are not revised month to month
 Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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	Mar 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Percent Change	
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Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,590,400	1,598,800	1,598,300	1,596,300	-0.1%	0.4%
Civilian Employment	1,528,200	1,542,700	1,541,300	1,542,800	0.1%	1.0%
Civilian Unemployment	62,300	56,000	57,000	53,500	-6.1%	-14.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%		
Total, All Industries (2)	1,482,300	1,488,700	1,501,100	1,505,300	0.3%	1.6%
Total Farm	6,000	4,400	5,300	5,700	7.5%	-5.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,476,300	1,484,300	1,495,800	1,499,600	0.3%	1.6%
Total Private	1,318,800	1,329,700	1,337,200	1,340,200	0.2%	1.6%
Goods Producing	278,600	280,100	282,500	283,900	0.5%	1.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	94,100	98,600	100,000	100,900	0.9%	7.2%
Construction of Buildings	22,000	23,000	22,800	22,900	0.4%	4.1%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,200	7,600	7,700	7,800	1.3%	8.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	64,900	68,000	69,500	70,200	1.0%	8.2%
Manufacturing	183,800	180,800	181,800	182,300	0.3%	-0.8%
Durable Goods	128,400	127,300	127,900	128,100	0.2%	-0.2%
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	22,700	23,000	23,000	23,000	0.0%	1.3%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,200	10,900	11,000	11,100	0.9%	-0.9%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	42,800	41,900	42,200	42,200	0.0%	-1.4%
Semiconductor and Electronic Component Ma	14,300	14,100	14,300	14,400	0.7%	0.7%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	18,100	18,000	18,000	17,800	-1.1%	-1.7%
Residual-Magnetic Media Manufacturing and R	10,400	9,800	9,900	10,000	1.0%	-3.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	17,200	16,800	16,900	17,000	0.6%	-1.2%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	11,500	11,600	0.9%	2.7%
Residual-Other Transportation Equipment Ma	5,900	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-8.5%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	34,500	34,700	34,800	34,800	0.0%	0.9%
Nondurable Goods	55,400	53,500	53,900	54,200	0.6%	-2.2%
Food Manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	-1.3%
Textile & Apparel	13,100	12,000	12,200	12,200	0.0%	-6.9%
Paper Manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-2.8%
Printing and Related Support Activities	9,200	8,800	8,900	9,100	2.2%	-1.1%
Residual-Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg	21,900	21,700	21,800	21,900	0.5%	0.0%
Service Providing	1,197,700	1,204,200	1,213,300	1,215,700	0.2%	1.5%
Private Service Producing	1,040,200	1,049,600	1,054,700	1,056,300	0.2%	1.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	265,400	269,700	267,300	266,600	-0.3%	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	83,100	82,500	82,600	82,600	0.0%	-0.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	48,100	47,500	47,600	47,500	-0.2%	-1.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	21,800	21,600	21,500	21,600	0.5%	-0.9%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and I	13,200	13,400	13,500	13,500	0.0%	2.3%
Retail Trade	153,200	158,200	155,700	155,000	-0.4%	1.2%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealer	20,300	20,300	20,400	20,500	0.5%	1.0%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	9,800	9,800	9,700	9,700	0.0%	-1.0%
Building Material and Garden Equipment Stores	11,900	11,800	11,800	12,000	1.7%	0.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	26,000	26,400	26,500	26,700	0.8%	2.7%
Grocery Stores	22,700	23,300	23,300	23,500	0.9%	3.5%
Residual-Specialty Food Stores	3,300	3,100	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-3.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	9,800	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0%	-1.0%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	19,200	20,700	20,000	19,800	-1.0%	3.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	8,200	8,700	8,400	8,200	-2.4%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	22,700	24,800	23,300	23,000	-1.3%	1.3%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	25,300	26,000	25,900	25,400	-1.9%	0.4%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	29,100	29,000	29,000	29,000	0.0%	-0.3%
Utilities	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%

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Transportation and Warehousing	25,600	25,500	25,500	25,500	0.0%	-0.4%
Residual-Air Transportation	13,100	13,200	13,200	13,200	0.0%	0.8%
Couriers and Messengers	7,000	6,800	6,800	6,800	0.0%	-2.9%
Warehousing and Storage	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	0.0%
Information	33,200	32,300	32,600	32,200	-1.2%	-3.0%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	9,700	9,600	9,700	9,600	-1.0%	-1.0%
Telecommunications	14,000	13,200	13,400	13,100	-2.2%	-6.4%
Residual-Other Telecommunications	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	136,700	138,700	138,800	139,100	0.2%	1.8%
Finance and Insurance	100,100	100,800	100,700	101,300	0.6%	1.2%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	53,200	54,300	54,000	54,300	0.6%	2.1%
Depository Credit Intermediation	16,400	17,000	17,300	17,400	0.6%	6.1%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	23,300	23,700	23,900	24,000	0.4%	3.0%
Activities Related to Credit Intermediation	13,500	13,600	12,800	12,900	0.8%	-4.4%
Insurance Carriers and Related	36,200	36,200	36,100	36,300	0.6%	0.3%
Insurance Carriers	22,800	22,800	22,700	22,800	0.4%	0.0%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance R	13,400	13,400	13,400	13,500	0.7%	0.7%
Residual-Other Finance	10,700	10,300	10,600	10,700	0.9%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	36,600	37,900	38,100	37,800	-0.8%	3.3%
Real Estate	29,900	31,100	31,300	31,100	-0.6%	4.0%
Residual-Rental and Leasing Services	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,700	-1.5%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	262,000	268,500	271,400	272,200	0.3%	3.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	101,600	103,100	104,300	104,600	0.3%	3.0%
Legal Services	14,600	14,500	14,500	14,500	0.0%	-0.7%
Accounting, Tax Preparation and Bookkeeping	11,100	11,500	12,000	12,000	0.0%	8.1%
Architectural, Engineering and Related Services	21,100	21,500	21,700	21,700	0.0%	2.8%
Computer Systems Design and Related Service	15,800	15,500	15,600	15,800	1.3%	0.0%
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulti	16,400	17,200	17,300	17,500	1.2%	6.7%
Advertising and Related Services	10,000	10,000	10,000	9,900	-1.0%	-1.0%
Residual-Other Professional, Scientific and Tec	12,600	12,900	13,200	13,200	0.0%	4.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	30,700	29,700	30,000	30,100	0.3%	-2.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	129,700	135,700	137,100	137,500	0.3%	6.0%
Administrative and Support Services	125,500	131,300	132,700	133,200	0.4%	6.1%
Employment Services	59,200	62,700	64,000	64,300	0.5%	8.6%
Investigation and Security Services	11,200	11,500	11,700	11,700	0.0%	4.5%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	29,300	29,500	29,800	29,800	0.0%	1.7%
Residual-Other Support Services	25,800	27,600	27,200	27,400	0.7%	6.2%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	4,200	4,400	4,400	4,300	-2.3%	2.4%
Educational and Health Services	132,900	133,400	135,300	135,300	0.0%	1.8%
Educational Services	19,900	19,000	20,000	20,000	0.0%	0.5%
Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools	4,400	3,900	4,400	4,300	-2.3%	-2.3%
Residual-Elementary and Secondary Schools	15,500	15,100	15,600	15,700	0.6%	1.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	113,000	114,400	115,300	115,300	0.0%	2.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	53,600	53,900	54,300	54,300	0.0%	1.3%
Hospitals	29,100	29,600	29,800	29,800	0.0%	2.4%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	17,500	18,000	18,200	18,300	0.5%	4.6%
Social Assistance	12,800	12,900	13,000	12,900	-0.8%	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	162,100	159,300	161,300	162,600	0.8%	0.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	33,100	31,500	31,900	32,100	0.6%	-3.0%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	28,300	27,100	27,000	27,100	0.4%	-4.2%
Residual-Performing Arts, Spectator Sports	4,800	4,400	4,900	5,000	2.0%	4.2%
Accommodation and Food Service	129,000	127,800	129,400	130,500	0.9%	1.2%
Accommodation	21,000	21,100	21,300	21,200	-0.5%	1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	108,000	106,700	108,100	109,300	1.1%	1.2%
Full-Service Restaurants	55,000	55,200	55,900	56,300	0.7%	2.4%
Limited-Service Eating Places	45,800	44,800	45,500	45,900	0.9%	0.2%

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Residual-Special Food Services	7,200	6,700	6,700	7,100	6.0%	-1.4%
Other Services	47,900	47,700	48,000	48,300	0.6%	0.8%
Government	157,500	154,600	158,600	159,400	0.5%	1.2%
Federal Government	11,400	11,400	11,400	11,400	0.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Other Federal Government	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,400	0.0%	0.0%
State and Local Government	146,100	143,200	147,200	148,000	0.5%	1.3%
State Government	27,200	27,200	27,400	27,700	1.1%	1.8%
State Government Education	17,000	17,000	17,200	17,400	1.2%	2.4%
Other State Government	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,300	1.0%	1.0%
Local Government	118,900	116,000	119,800	120,300	0.4%	1.2%
Local Government Education	77,200	74,100	77,700	77,900	0.3%	0.9%
County	20,800	21,100	21,200	21,300	0.5%	2.4%
City	16,800	16,800	16,900	17,100	1.2%	1.8%
Other Local Government	4,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	-2.4%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Effective with the release of the February data on March 24, 2006,
we will no longer release revised monthly labor force data for the previous month.
Labor force data for all geographic areas will not be revised until the annual benchmark process.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California
State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to:
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